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WE will not repeat what means We have used to prevent the dangerous and distracted estate of the Kingdome, nor how those means have bin interpreted, because being desirous to avoid effusion of blood, We are willing to decline all memory of former bitternes that might make Our offer of a Treatie lesse readily accepted.

We never did Declare, nor ever intended to Declare both Our Houses of Parliament Traitours, or set up our Standard against them, and much lesse to put them and this Kingdome out of our Protection: We utterly Professe against it before God and the World. And further, to remove all possible Scruples which may hinder the Treaty so much desired by Us; We hereby Promise, so that a day be appointed by you for the revoking of your Declarations against

gainſt all Perſons as Traitours or otherwayes, for aſſiſting of Us, We ſhall with all cheerfulneſſe upon the ſame day recall Our Proclamations and Declarations, and take downe our Standard: In which Treaty, We ſhall be ready to grant any thing that ſhall be really for the good of our Subjects; Conjuring you to conſider the bleeding condition of Ireland, *and the dangerous condition of* England, *in as high a degree as by theſe Our offers We have declared Our Selfe to do: And aſſuring you that Our chiefe deſire in this world is to beget a good underſtanding and mutuall confidence betwixt Us and Our two Houſes of Parliament.*

A Declaration of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, In Anſwer to His Majeſties Meſſage.

WHereas His Majeſty in a Meſſage, received the fifth of *September*, requires that the Parliament would revoke their Declarations againſt ſuch perſons as have aſsiſted His Majeſty in this unnaturall War againſt His Kingdom: It is this day Ordered and Declared by the Lords and Commons, That the Arms which they have been forced to take up and ſhall be forced to take up for the preſervation of the Parliament, Religion, the Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom, ſhall not be laid down, untill His Majeſty ſhall

withdraw His Protection from ſuch perſons as have been Voted by both Houſes to be Delinquents, or that ſhall by both Houſes be voted to be Delinquents, and ſhall leave them to the Juſtice of the Parliament, to be proceeded with, according to their demerits; to the end that both this, and ſucceeding Generations may take warning with what danger they incur the like haynous crimes, and alſo to the end that thoſe great charges and damages wherewithall the Common wealth hath been burthened in the Premiſſes, ſince His Majeſties departure from the Parliament, may be born by the Delinquents, and other malignant and diſaffected perſons: And that all His Majeſties good and well-affected

Subjects

Subjects, who by Loan of Monies, or otherwise at their charge have assisted the Common-wealth, or shall in like manner hereafter assist the Common-wealth, in time of extreme danger, may be repayed all Sums of Money by them lent for those purposes, and be satisfied their charges so sustained, out of the Estates of the said Delinquents, and of the malignant and dis-affected party in this Kingdome.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That this Declaration bee forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

H. Elſinge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.